current financial year, State-wise; and

(b) the total cost be incurred in the introduction of the electronic system?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Petrol retail outlets in Tamil Nadu

22. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of petrol retail outlets available in Tamil Nadu at present;

(b) whether Government propose to open some more petrol retail outlets in the State;

(c) if so, what steps have been taken by Government in this regard so far; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) As on March 31, 1989, there were 1379 retail outlets in operation in Tamil Nadu.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) In addition to the existing facilities, the oil industry has proposed to set up, under its Annual Marketing Plans upto 1987-88, 79 retail outlets in the State.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

Projects executed by NPCC

23. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state what are the details of the projects being executed by the National Project Construction Corporation in the country at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): A Statement giving the details of projects under execution by the National Projects Construction Corporation in the country is enclosed at Annexure [*See* Appendix CL, Annexure No. 2]

Representation from M/s. Mittal and Co. of Nepal for Devighat Hydro Electric Project

24. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation from M/s. Mittal & Company of Nepal regarding payment of differences of labour wages for the work done by them at Devighat Hydro Electric Project; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) and (b) M/s. Mittal & Co., Kathmandu (Nepal) were awarded the Contract for "Construction of Cross Drainage Works and Escape Channel" for the Devighat Hydroelectric Project, by the National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC). The Contractor raised certain claims for reimbursement of increase in fair